



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

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“COMMUNITY AWARENESS IS THE KEY TO CRIME PREVENTION”

Please join us for NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

National Night Out will be on August 7, 2007. This event will take the place of each area's regularly scheduled Neighborhood Watch meeting. National Night Out is a nationwide Neighborhood Watch effort that began in 1984 to increase safety and awareness in our neighborhoods. Please plan on joining us for a celebration of Community, crime fighting and fun. We will be barbecuing hot dogs at Warner Center Park (21820 Califa St) from 5pm-9pm. We will have activities for the kids and crime prevention info for the adults.

If you are unable to attend the event at the park, you can still show your support for National Night Out by turning on porch lights, having a cookout in front of your home, meeting with your neighbors, coordinating a flashlight walk of your block, etc.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Senior Lead Office (818) 374-7630

10A3- Canoga Park, Senior Lead Officer Alex Padron, cell (818) 731-2583.

10A27-Reseda north of Sherman Way, Senior Lead Officer Jose Maldonado, cell (818) 731-2569.

10A33-Winnetka, Senior Lead Officer Rachel Raigoza, cell (818) 731-2568.

10A47-Reseda south of Sherman Way, Senior Lead Officer Brent Rygh, cell (818)731-2581.

10A51-West Hills, Senior Lead Officer Janet Zumstein, cell (818) 731-2570.

10A57-West Winnetka, South Canoga Park, Senior Lead Officer Jerry Velasquez, temporarily please use the main office number (818) 374-7630.

10A67-Tarzana, Senior Lead Officer Daryl Scoggins, cell (818) 731-2573

10A73-Woodland Hills west of Topanga Cnyn, Senior Lead Officer Jodie McGee, cell (818)731-2574.

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10A87-Encino, Senior Lead Officer Robert Trulik, cell (818) 731-2572

Non-Emergency Calls:

There are two ways of contacting the LAPD for a non-emergency situation. From landline (non cellular) type telephone you can call 311 and ask for police dispatch. If you are calling from a cellular telephone, dial 1-877-ASK_LAPD or 1-877-275-5273. This leads us to the question: "What is considered a non-emergency call?"

A non-emergency call is a situation where a person's life and property is NOT in immediate danger. Included under this definition are crimes against property, crimes against persons where the victim is not injured and situations in which the offenders are not at or near the scene, however, a police officer is needed to respond, investigate and take a report.

Examples of Non-Emergency Calls

1. Smashed doors or windows in unoccupied homes or stores.
2. Abandoned cars on the street.
3. Persons loitering near a school.
4. Information and/or rumors of an impending crime.
5. Persistent anonymous phone calls.
6. Suspicious looking persons following your moves while shopping or on your way home.
7. Late discovery of crimes against persons or property.

Information the operator will want to know:

- 1) A description of the incident you are reporting. (What did you observe?)
- 2) The address or location of the incident you are reporting.
- 3) Your name, address and telephone number.
- 4) Number of persons involved.
- 5) Descriptions of the persons involved.
- 6) Direction taken by the escaping suspects.
- 7) Is suspect in a vehicle or on foot?
- 8) Plate number and description of vehicle.
- 9) Other details and circumstances.

If you are concerned about being identified, please tell the operator that you wish to be contacted by phone only. The responding officers may need additional information from you. If you remain completely anonymous (no name and phone number), it severely restricts the action that officers are able to take. In some cases, remaining anonymous means that we can not take any legal action at all.

While your Senior Lead Officers are happy to help with problems in your area, we are not always available to respond to incidents as they occur. If you need the Police to respond to an incident, please call the above numbers.

Community Awareness is the Key to Crime Prevention

**The West Valley Communities of
CANOGA PARK, ENCINO, RESEDA, TARZANA,
WEST HILLS, WINNETKA, WOODLAND HILLS
WILL JOIN THE WEST VALLEY L.A.P.D. FOR**

THE 24th ANNUAL

FREE EVENT



FREE EVENT

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7TH
5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

**WARNER CENTER PARK
WOODLAND HILLS**

**TOPANGA CANYON BLVD. & CALIFA AVE
FREE PARKING IN CALIFA PARKING STRUCTURE**

***PICNIC WITH YOUR FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS
LEARN HOW TO FIGHT CRIME***

EMCEE: PETE DEMETRIOU OF KFWB

ENTERTAINMENT: DJ DOC DEWBERRY (DEWBERRYENTERTAINMENT.COM)

- * HOT DOGS & CHILI DOGS
- * POLICE & FIRE VEHICLES
- * L.A.P.D. SPECIALIZED UNITS
- * INFORMATIONAL BOOTHS
- * PRIZES
- * KID'S ZONE
- * BALLOON MAKERS
- * FACE PAINTING
- * CHILD FINGERPRINTING
- * BOUNCERS & SLIDES

AND MUCH MORE...ALL FREE

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West Valley Happenings:

The Senior Lead Office supervisor, Sergeant Bob Burton, is passing the torch and moving on to Training Division (farewell and good luck!). We welcome Sergeant Ingram joining us as the new supervisor for the Senior Lead Office.

Senior Lead Officer Jericho (Jerry) Velasquez has returned to the office from his military deployment. We welcome him back to West Valley and thank him for his service to our country.

Mayor Villaraigosa and Councilman Zine, among many others attended the Grand Opening of the Lanark Park pool. "Operation Splash" will be offering swimming lessons through Sept 3rd.

Crime and Arrest Information.

Just a snapshot of some of the hard work that LAPD officers did last month in West Valley Division.

- West Valley Senior Lead Officers worked a second Illegal Vendor Task Force with Public Works, Building and Safety, Health Department, and Sanitation, resulting in 12 arrests.
- Gang Officers made an excellent arrest of 4 Canoga Park gang members for an Assault with a Deadly Weapon / Hate Crime that occurred near Lanark Park.
- Gang Officers also arrested a juvenile (14) near Reseda and Sherman Way after he "borrowed" his father's car without dad's knowledge or permission.
- Vice Officers made Prostitution arrests near Winnetka / Ventura and Reseda / Valerio.
- Property Crimes Officers arrested 2 people near Fallbrook and Ventura with narcotics, false identification, and a stolen check.
- Motel Task Force Officers made an arrest from a Burglary from Vehicle crime that occurred in the 18300 block of Burbank Bl. They were able to recover the victim's wallet, credit cards, and identification.
- Patrol Officers made numerous arrests including (just a few):
 - A male for Residential Burglary near Sherman Way and Desoto,
 - A male for Stolen Property (checks) and Narcotics at Lindley and Hart
 - A female for Driving under the Influence at Oxnard and Owensmouth
 - A male for Driving under the Influence at Sherman Way and Lindley
 - A male for Driving under the Influence after a collision at Mason and Sherman Way
 - 2 males (stopped on a traffic violation) for narcotics, possession of a gun, and warrants near Reseda and Valerio.

You can look up crime activity in your neighborhood on-line at www.lapdonline.org or www.lapdcrimemaps.org.